



The West Springfield **SHIELD**



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MEET YOUR NEW CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the West Springfield Crime Prevention Section.

MPO Pete Feigleson joined the department in 1979 and has served in patrol at the Mason, Mount Vernon, and West Springfield stations. In addition, Pete has been heavily involved in training both officers and units within the department.



MPO Pete Feigleson MPO JT Frey

MPO J.T. Frey has just completed his 20th year with the police department. JT has been assigned to the West Springfield District Station for his entire career. For the past 14 years, JT has been assigned to the Criminal Investigations Section and his primary focus has been the investigation of property crimes.

Both Pete and JT are excited about their new adventure and believe they will be able to bring some new and exciting concepts to the Crime Prevention Section at the West Springfield District Station.

SUPPORT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2008



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

On Tuesday, August 5, neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "25th Annual National Night Out" crime and drug prevention event.

From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on August 5, residents in neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

Many neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Fairfax County Police Department, will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states.

For more information on this years National Night Out please contact the West Springfield Crime Prevention Unit at 703-644-5026.

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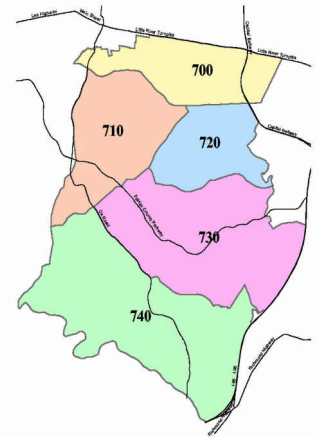
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Crime Bulletin for the Months of June 2008

HOMICIDE

8000 Block / Paper Birch Drive

A 23-year-old man was found dead in his driveway around 10 p.m. Saturday, June 7 in the 8000 block of Paper Birch Drive. The victim, Faridullah Abbasi, had apparently come home, was confronted by someone and was subsequently shot in the upper body. Neighbors heard gunshots, saw the victim lying in his driveway and called police. The victim was flown to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he was later pronounced dead. An autopsy will be conducted this week. No suspect information has been released. This is the ninth homicide in Fairfax County in 2008.

GRAND LARCENY

7600 Block / Fullerton Road

Fairfax County Police are investigating a grand larceny of a catalytic converter from a vehicle. The suspect went to the C.S. Auto Service, Incorporated at 7640 Fullerton Road in the Lorton area on Monday, May 26 around 10:40 p.m. Surveillance cameras captured the suspect being dropped off as a second suspect drove off. The suspect stole the catalytic converter from a Nissan truck parked at the service station. The suspect vehicle appears to be an early 90s Ford Escort and may be blue in color. The driver's rear tire is



the only one with a distinctive, small, moon hubcap. Two other catalytic converters were stolen from the same service station during the middle of April. Throughout the county, there were 78 reports of converter thefts from November 2007 until May 2008. Nine reports included multiple thefts from one location. Of the 78 reports, 135 converters were taken. Most occurred at auto repair shops. Toyota 4Runners were the most common vehicle targeted followed by Nissans.

**BURGLARY*********ARREST MADE*********7700 Block / Donnybrook Court**

A 19-year-old Annandale-area man was arrested after allegedly burglarizing one apartment and attempting to burglarize two others. Police were called to the 7700 block of Donnybrook Court at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11. Officers learned that the residents of one apartment went for a walk and left their front door unlocked. They returned a short time later and discovered items missing from inside. Further investigation led the officers to two other apartments in the same complex. The residents of those units reported that a man opened their front doors and quickly left when they confronted him. Police spotted the suspect as he exited the woods near the complex. After a short foot pursuit, the suspect was apprehended. Officers located the stolen items in the woods. Nicolas Antonio Romero, of 4343 Americana Drive #10 in Annandale, was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with burglary, grand larceny and two counts of attempted burglary.

BURGLARY**Fairfax County**

Fairfax County Police are investigating 21 burglaries over a six month period. The burglaries occurred throughout five police districts to include West Springfield, Sully, Fair Oaks, Reston and Franconia. Most of the cases involved businesses located in shopping centers, strip malls or business parks. Police suspect the same man is responsible for the burglaries. The suspect in each case broke into commercial businesses and targeted cash registers and safes inside. The suspect was described as white, about 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall. He weighed approximately 140 to 160 pounds and wore black shoes, a dark blue hoodie, a black ski mask and gloves. He was captured on several surveillance cameras.

**BURGLARY*********ARREST MADE*********6100 Rolling Road**

On Saturday, June 14 at 4:30 a.m., a school security officer found a door propped open at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road. Officers responded and saw two males running through the building. The suspects were stopped by officers as they attempted to leave the building and arrested. The suspects gained entry into the school by breaking a window. Nicholas Fynn-Tanner, 18, of 7903 Greely Boulevard in Springfield, and a 17-year-old from Springfield were charged with Burglary. Fynn-Tanner was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The juvenile was released to his parents.

MISSILE AT OCCUPIED VEHICLE**Roberts Road / Commonwealth Boulevard**

On Tuesday, June 17 at 11:30 p.m., a 27-year-old Springfield man called police to report that someone shot his car with a BB gun. He was driving on Roberts Road near Commonwealth Boulevard. The officers found a small hole in the passenger door of the car. The victim was not injured and there is no suspect description. The case is still under investigation.



ROBBERY

8100 Block / Dabney Avenue

A 37-year-old Springfield woman was robbed in her front yard in the 8100 block of Dabney Avenue on Saturday, June 21. She arrived home, parked her car and walked to her house. She was pushed to the ground by two men who were trying to grab her purse. The victim struggled to keep the purse, then relinquished it. The suspects fled and she was not injured. The suspects were described as being about 5 feet 7 inches tall, wearing black hoodies.

ASSAULT ON OFFICER / DRUNK IN PUBLIC

*****ARREST MADE*****

5000 Block / Head Court

On Sunday, June 22 at 2a.m., Jerry Gonzalez, 20, was arrested and charged with assault on a police officer and drunk in public. Officers responded to a report of a loud party in the 5000 block of Head Court. Officers arrived and could hear people yelling and cursing at the rear of the home. They observed two men arguing. Gonzalez yelled obscenities and charged the officers. He swung a fist and struck one officer. Officers deployed the conductive energy device. Gonzalez was transported to Inova Emergency Care Center for treatment of minor injuries. Gonzalez, of 13003 Mae Pine Court in Fairfax, was then taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

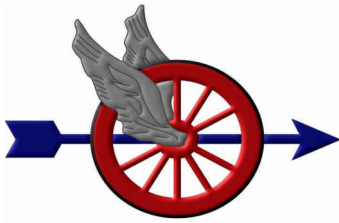
4900 Block / Americana Drive

On Saturday, June 28 police responded to the 4900 block of Americana Drive for a report of an attempted robbery. A 22-year-old Springfield man was visiting friends and stepped outside to smoke a cigarette. An SUV drove by and two men jumped out and demanded money. The victim refused and the suspects assaulted him. The victim ran back to the house to get help but was followed by the suspects. A 31-year-old Annandale man tried to help but was also assaulted. He grabbed a broom to defend himself, striking one of the suspects in the head. The suspects ran back to their SUV and fled. The 31-year-old victim was taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital with non life-threatening injuries and the other victim was not injured. The suspects were described as Hispanic, in their teens to 20s. The first suspect was about 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighed 240 pounds. He wore a blue and white striped shirt and blue jeans. The second suspect was approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds. He wore a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

BURGLARY

7800 Block / Roundabout Way

On Thursday, July 3 just after midnight, a man in the 7800 block of Roundabout Way saw lights on inside his neighbor's home. The neighbors were out of town so the man went to investigate and saw three men running from the home. An investigation revealed the screen from a rear window was cut to gain entry and two large screen TVs were found in the backyard. It appears the suspects were interrupted by the witness. The suspects were described as black, about 20 years old. They all wore white T-shirts.



FAIRFAX COUNTY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC
DIVISION

**Yearly fatal crash
totals:**

**To date, there have
been**

9

**Persons Killed in
Crashes on
Our Roadways!**



**HELP REDUCE
INJURIES RESULTING
FROM CRASHES.
WEAR YOUR SAFETY
BELTS!**



LAW OF THE MONTH: Reckless Driving

§ 46.2-852. Reckless driving; general rule.

Irrespective of the maximum speeds permitted by law, any person who drives a vehicle on any highway recklessly or at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person shall be guilty of reckless driving.

§ 46.2-853. Driving vehicle which is not under control; faulty brakes.

A person shall be guilty of reckless driving who drives a vehicle which is not under proper control or which has inadequate or improperly adjusted brakes on any highway in the Commonwealth.

§ 46.2-862. Exceeding speed limit.

A person shall be guilty of reckless driving who drives a motor vehicle on the highways in the Commonwealth (i) at a speed of twenty miles per hour or more in excess of the applicable maximum speed limit or (ii) in excess of eighty miles per hour regardless of the applicable maximum speed limit.

§ 46.2-865. Racing; penalty.

Any person who engages in a race between two or more motor vehicles on the highways in the Commonwealth or on any driveway or premises of a church, school, recreational facility, or business property open to the public in the Commonwealth shall be guilty of reckless driving, unless authorized by the owner of the property or his agent. When any person is convicted of reckless driving under this section, in addition to any other penalties provided by law the driver's license of such person shall be suspended by the court for a period of not less than six months nor more than two years. In case of conviction the court shall order the surrender of the license to the court where it shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-398.

§ 46.2-868. Reckless driving; penalties.

A. Every person convicted of reckless driving under the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. Every person convicted of reckless driving under the provisions of this article who, when he committed the offense, (i) was driving without a valid operator's license due to a suspension or revocation for a moving violation and, (ii) as the sole and proximate result of his reckless driving, caused the death of another, is guilty of a Class 6 felony.



FCPD QUESTIONS FOR YOU

by John H. Bauer, VIPS

DO YOU KNOW:

What bicycles, scooters and motorcycles have in common?

What equipment is required to be worn when riding?

What to do if you see a motorcycle with a flashing headlight?

How to get your vehicle to the DMV for the driving test?



Virginia law defines “every motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.....” as a motorcycle. This definition also covers some all terrain vehicles and mopeds, but for the purposes of this article, we will confine the text to street legal motorcycles, motor scooters and bicycles. Most bicycles in this area are not motorized, but all bicycles, motorcycles and motor scooters have one thing in common. Their operators are responsible for obeying all traffic laws pertaining to that particular vehicle. Contrary to popular belief, the operator of a bicycle may be cited for speeding and reckless operation as well as other violations.

With gas becoming a very expensive commodity many people are turning to two wheel vehicles for transportation. A special class “M” drivers license endorsement is required for motorcycle and motor scooter operators. Don’t count on your dealer to ask if you have that endorsement or any formal training or prior riding experience. A customer can purchase the most powerful motorcycle in the showroom as long as he or she can pay for it.

Recent newspaper and television news broadcasts have detailed a number of deaths of motorcycle riders. Virginia reported the unfortunate total of 126 motorcycle-related deaths in 2007, nearly twice the number for 2006. Motorcyclists were not at fault in every case. Many of these incidents were caused by inattentive drivers of four or more wheeled vehicles or motorcyclist.

There are a number of learn-to-ride and safety programs available to beginning and advanced riders in Virginia. One popular and reasonably priced program is sponsored by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and is offered at many community college campuses. At least one of these courses takes people who have never been on a motorcycle before and in two and one half days gives them the training and skills they will need to pass the DMV motorcycle endorsement exam and operate their vehicle safely on the highway. The exam includes a written and driving test, but in some cases, the riding test is waived upon successful completion of the course so the prospective licensee does not have to worry about how to get a motorcycle to DMV for the exam. Only the written portion of the test is required. After a rider gains experience, a one day advanced rider course is offered and riders use previously learned skills to hone advanced life saving riding techniques. An additional benefit of these courses is that some insurance companies offer a premium discount to policy holders who complete the courses.

One thing that is extremely important to safe and enjoyable riding is certain safety equipment. Virginia requires operators to wear an approved helmet and either safety glasses, goggles or face shield or to have a safety glass or windshield on the vehicle at all times while it is in operation. The prudent rider will also wear leather gloves, long pants, a long-sleeved jacket or shirt and sturdy boots. Road rash can be an extremely painful result of even the most minor crash.



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August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 <i>National Night Out</i>	6	7 <i>Car Seat Inspections</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <i>Car Seat Inspections</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>NW Meeting</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Schedule of Events

Summer Break

No CAC Meeting

7:30 p.m.

6140 Rolling Road
Springfield, Virginia
22152

August 18, 2008

Neighborhood Watch

Coordinators Mtg.

7:30 p.m.

6140 Rolling Road
Springfield, Virginia
22152

August 7 & 14, 2008

Child Seat Inspections

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

First come first serve.

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In Fairfax County, all bicyclists are required to wear helmets under the age of 15. Helmets for motorcyclists and bicyclists must be approved by one or more agencies. The Federal Department of Transportation, the Snell Memorial Foundation and the American National Standards Institute, Inc. are among these and stickers are placed on or inside the helmets indicating compliance. Helmets should be routinely replaced if they are dropped, involved in a crash or are more than three years old. Good helmets can be expensive but as one manufacturer states, "if you have a 10-dollar head, buy a 10-dollar helmet." Certain safety equipment such as headlights and reflectors are required on bicycles ridden at night. As with motorcycle riders, a bicyclist may wish to invest in protective clothing. One item all riders should consider is a high visibility jacket or vest. Some of these have reflective strips so they may be easily seen at night. They are inexpensive and can be found in department stores as well as at bicycle and motorcycle dealers.

Occasionally a driver may see a motorcycle with a "flashing" headlight. Flashing motorcycle headlights are illegal in Virginia, but there is a device called a modulated headlight which is approved for daylight use. A modulated headlight never goes completely out but varies in intensity from bright to dim. These are safety devices and are legal in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. There are specific requirements in the number of pulses per second for these lights and they must be automatically disabled at night. These modulated lights are safety devices and require no action from motorists, other than being aware that the motorcycle is there. Law enforcement motorcycles are equipped with flashing blue lights and must be accorded the same attention and respect as a full-size police vehicle.

Bicycling and motorcycling are energy saving and fun methods of transportation. Like any vehicle, their safe use requires training and skill. Riders should be especially watchful since their vehicles are small and may not be easily seen by others who share the road. Be careful out there.

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Fairfax County has adopted regulations to promote public health, safety and general welfare. These regulations are enforced by different agencies within the county. To view a brochure that lists the most common neighborhood issues and the agencies responsible for addressing them please visit:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/faqs/concerns.htm>

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By working together we can keep our neighborhoods vibrant, clean and wonderful places in which to live.

To request this information in an alternate format, call the West Springfield Crime Prevention Office at 703-644-5026. TTY 703-204-2264.



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